

Notice of Intent to Request a Waiver

Waiver of the limitation on use of funds for capitalization of businesses at WIA Section 181 (e) to permit WIA funds to be used to capitalize a small business up to \$5,000.

The Mississippi Department of Employment Security (MDES) Office of Grant Management (OGM) is the administrative entity for the Workforce Investment Act in Mississippi. OGM requests that it be granted the authority to waive the provision at WIA Section 181(e) that limits the use of funds for capitalization of businesses to permit the use of WIA funds to capitalize a small business up to \$5,000 for individuals who are eligible for and enrolled as participants in the Gulf Oil Spill NEG program. Under the waiver, this activity must be conducted in concert with entrepreneurial or microenterprise training for the individuals benefiting from the capitalization.

If granted, this waiver would take effect on November 1, 2011 and would remain in effect until Mississippi's Gulf Oil Spill NEG program is closed out.

Any Questions or Concerns about the Waiver Request should be sent via email to Robert DeYoung in the Office of Grant Management at MDES at the following address: rdeyoung@mdes.ms.gov. Please include the Subject Line "Comments on Waiver Request" on your email. All comments must be received by 5:00 p.m. on Friday, November 4, 2011.